

Need for reforms in techniques of textile production

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SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the textile industry of the country, there is a need for comprehensive reform in present techniques of cotton production to textile production;

(b) if so, the response of Government in this regard;

(c) whether Government has implemented Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme in the country for the technological development and expansion;

(d) if so, the average amount given from the said fund annually for the upgradation of the techniques during the last five years; and

(e) the amount given from the above mentioned fund to spinning, handloom, powerloom and mill sectors, separately during the year 2007-08 and 2008-09?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN): (a) and (b) Need for comprehensive reform in techniques of cotton production to textile production has already been addressed through various interventions of Ministry of Textiles. Technology Mission on Cotton (TMC) commissioned in 1998-99 has improvised the farming practices. It has also brought in innovative farm and post farm practices in cotton qualitatively and quantitatively. The production of cotton has increased from 179 lakh bales in the year 2003-04 to 315 lakh bales in the year 2007-08. Cotton productivity has been increased from 399 Kgs per hectare in 2003-04 to 567 Kgs per hectare in 2007-08.

Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) is the flagship programme of the Ministry of Textiles. The scheme provides for financial assistance as interest and capital subsidy to upgrade and install technologically advanced textile machineries. TUFS assistance has helped in increasing production in the entire textile chain. The total yarn production has increased from 3223.52 million Kgs in 2004-05 to 3911.99 million Kgs in 2008-09. The production of fabric as a result of TUFS assistance has increased from 45378 million square meters in 2004-05 to 54966 million square meters in 2008-09. Likewise textiles export has also increased from US \$ 14026.72 million in 2004-05 to US\$ 18519.96 million in 2008-09.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The quantum of fund released by the Government agencies under TUFS during the last five years is as under:

Amount (Rupees in crores)	
Year	Fund released
2004-05	283.60
2005-06	485.00
2006-07	823.92
2007-08	1143.37
2008-09	2632.00

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(e) The TUFS assistance granted to different sector i.e. composite (mill sector), spinning, weaving including powerloom in the years 2007-08 and 2008-09 on the basis of derivative percentage of the allocation is as under:-

Industry segment	Amount (Rupees in crores)	
	2007-08	2008-09
Composite	235.53	542.19
Spinning	387.95	893.04
Weaving including powerloom	87.93	202.40
Others	431.96	994.37
TOTAL :	1143.37	2632.00

Production and export of cardamom

*70. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA:

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of cardamom exports in terms of volume and value for the last five years;
- (b) whether it is a fact that cardamom production in the country has stagnated in the country;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken to increase the production and cultivation of cardamom in the country?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) Export of cardamom (small & large) for the last five years is as follows:

Year	Cardamom (small)		Cardamom (large)	
	Quantity (MT)	Value (Rs. Lakhs)	Quantity (MT)	Value (Rs. Lakhs)
2004-05	642	2362.40	954	1129.86
2005-06	863	2682.13	1046	1154.65
2006-07	655	2348.10	1504	1700.08
2007-08	500	2475.00	1325	1500.00
2008-09	750	4726.50	1875	2280.75

(b) Cardamom (small): The annual average production of cardamom (small) in the country during the last few years has been between 11,000 tons and 12,000 tons.

Cardamom (large): The production of cardamom (large) during the last few years has shown a fluctuating trend. The production has come down from 6,100 tons in 2003-04 to 4,420 tons in 2006-07. In 2007-08, the production has increased to 4,920 tons.